(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB) was set up with the main objective of coordinating and strengthening the intelligence gathering activities of various agencies which are concerned with investigation into economic offences and enforcement of economic lines. Being an intelligence organisation, CEIB does not investigate economic crimes but collates and passes on the intelligence inputs relating to economic crimes to the agencies concerned, for investigation by the latter. In view of this, at present, there is no proposal to empower the officers of the CEIB to investigate financial frauds.

Opening of Shivaji cell in Agra Fort to public

767. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cell in Agra Fort where Shivaji was locked is not opened to visitors;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to open the Shivaji cell to public?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir. It is open to the visitors.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

Higher entry-fee at Bhimbetka

†768. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tourists specially the foreign tourists have made a complaint to Government regarding the higher entry-fees of the Bhimbetka tourist spot in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what consideration is being made by the Central as well as State Government to reduce the entry-fee with mutual co-operation?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) As per the information made available by the field office of the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Archaeological Survey of India immediately after the pre-historic rock-shelters at Bhimbetka were inscribed on the World Heritage List in June, 2003 the Forest Department of Government of Madhya Pradesh imposed entry-fee for foreign tourists at Rs.150 each as per the Wild Life Sanctuary Act to enter the Ratapani Wild Life Sanctuary which is part of the World Heritage Site.

Immediately the matter was taken up with the Government of Madhya Pradesh and a meeting was held between the officials of the Forest Department and the Archaeological Survey of India on 30-8-2003 and it was decided that Indian tourist should be charged Rs.2/- and foreign tourist should be charged Rs.10/- each. The decision to reduce the entry-fee is yet to be implemented by the State Government.

However, recently a complaint has been received by the field office from M/s Radiant Travels, Bhopal who arranged tour for the foreign tourists to Bhimbetka on 12-10-2003 regarding entry-fee @Rs.150/- charged by the Forest Department of Government of Madhya Pradesh to the tourist as well as vehicles.

Light and sound show at Charminar, Hyderabad

769. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to organise a sound and light show on the pattern of Golconda Fort at Charminar in Hyderabad to promote tourism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Central Department of Tourism sanctions the Central financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations under the following schemes:-

(1) Integrated development of travel circuits.

(2) Product Infrastructure and Destination development.

(3) Assistance for Large Revenue generating projects.

All State Govts./UT Administrations including Govt. of Andhra Pradesh have been requested to submit the project proposals under the above mentioned schemes for the financial year 2003-04.